



**May 8, 2006**  
**Dept. of Public Health & Human Services, Helena**

**MEMBERS:**

**Present** Drs. Brad Pickhardt and Charles Swannack, John Bleicher, Kirby Peden, Pauline Linnell, Tim Sinton, William Taylor, Carol Kussman, and Jay Pottenger  
Via tele-medicine: Drs. Dennis Maier and Jim Bentler

**Absent** Mike McGree, Dr. Greg Moore, and excused - Joe Hansen

**GUESTS:** Sally Buckles, Carolyn Bellamah, Beth Reed, Jim DeTienne, Kim Todd, Pamela LaFountaine, Jennie Nemec, Bobbi Perkins, and Ellen Stinar  
Via tele-medicine: Richard Mickelson, Penny Clifton

**Handouts:**

- Agenda
- Minutes February 13, 2006
- Trauma Registry Reports
- 2006 Montana Trauma System Conference brochure
- Trauma Registry Inclusion Criteria
- Trauma System Report
- Trauma Facility Resource Criteria
- Draft Stakeholders Agenda
- Emergency Dept. Care of Motor Vehicle Crash patients transported to ED by EMS
- MT Rural Healthcare Performance Improvement form

Introductions and completion of the Confidentiality Statement page were completed.

**Discussion**

Previous Minutes

**Summary**

One correction to the minutes under Organization/Emergency Preparedness is currently funding from FEMA is not available; with this correction the minutes were approved and seconded.

**Discussion**

EMS System Update  
Jim DeTienne

**Summary**

EMS & Trauma Systems Section update - new staff are Bobbi Perkins, who is the new injury prevention coordinator and Ellen Stinar is the EMS System Manager. Vacant positions include the EMS Service licensing coordinator and administrative assistant. An update was given on the EMS System taskforce and their last meeting; executive budget planning process has started for the next legislative session; the on-line registration for personnel to help in disasters and the pre-hospital database for on-line trip reporting and service licensing will be available soon. The Governor's preparedness summit overview given and attendance encouraged.

**Discussion**

Trauma System Update  
Public Advocacy/Legislation  
Sub-committee Report

**Summary**

Kim Todd shared there is one vacant STCC position for the Indian Health Services and at least two candidate names must be provided to the Governor for appointment. The trauma rule hearing was April 12 with no one attending and only one written comment on the Trauma Facility Resource Criteria received. The IS/PI subcommittee must appoint a designation sub-subcommittee for oversight and to make recommendations to the Department regarding facility trauma designation. The revised MT Trauma Systems Plan is complete and will be distributed during facility designation. Plans discussed for the Trauma /EMS stakeholders meeting June 19 were reviewed by Jim Bentler. The topics for discussion include injury prevention, trauma system overview with facility designation, regional coordinators, funding, education, disaster preparedness, and EMS retention & recruitment. We were unable to complete a business associate agreement with the American College of Surgeons (ACS) to submit our trauma registry data to the National Trauma Data Base but many of the MT ACS verified facilities submitted on their own. Consideration is being given to purchasing tablets for inputting trauma registry data onto the Collector software at requesting facilities.

**Discussion**

Trauma Registry  
Information/Performance  
Improvement Sub-committee  
Report

**Summary**

Review of the trauma registry report by Jennie Nemec. It was identified there is a need to correct some data or add missing information to the next report. New trauma system performance indicators were discussed and agreed upon. It was also agreed to ask for hospital charges billed and collected be downloaded with the quarterly trauma registry downloads to the State. This has been included in the trauma rules and will be asked for in the next Collector software update

**Discussion**

Montana Rural Healthcare  
PI Network –

**Summary**

Kirby Peden gave an overview of the Critical Access Hospital Performance Improvement Network (PIN) emergency care of motor vehicle crash patients transported to ED by EMS data project for January – March 2006 was given. The data collection form was developed with some input from the STCC and study results will be shared at a future meeting.

**Discussion**

Sub-committee Report  
Education

**Summary**

John Bleicher reported on the TEAM course currently being revised and plans for dissemination by partnering with St Vincent's bioterrorism grant. The Montana Trauma System conference will focus on facility designation and clinical trauma topics and will be held as pre-conference before the Rocky Mountain Rural Trauma Symposium. These conferences will be held September 13 -15 in Billings this year.

**Discussion**

Sub-committee Report  
Organization/Emergency  
Preparedness

**Summary**

Tim Sinton has been asked to attend the Interstate Mutual Aid Committee charged with developing a comprehensive preparedness program in our region. The development of a medical response team for disasters in our state is still being considered

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**Discussion**

Sub-committee Report  
Prevention/EMSC  
Oversight

**Summary**

Kirby Peden reported the next Yellowstone county suicide meeting is June 8<sup>th</sup>. Bobbi Perkins gave an overview of prevention priorities. Ideas included equestrian safety, car seat/booster seat assistance and work to increase seatbelt usage. Data will be collected on the incidence of the problem and efficacy of prevention activities prior to determining the plan of action. EMS for Children (EMSC) directives and plans for the upcoming year will be shared at the next meeting.

**Discussion**

RTAC Reports

**Summary**

**Western** – John Bleicher reported the WRTAC had EMS medical director and nursing meeting prior to the main RTAC meeting; TEAM update; review of the trauma rules and designation reviewed and copies of trauma flowsheets provided. There were 10 case reviews; approved burn inter-facility transfer criteria for the region; SACCO triage method presented and it was determined that RTAC may not be the best vehicle for vendor presentations.

**Central** – Tim Sinton had no report, meeting canceled

**Eastern** – Penny Clifton stated 6 facilities were represented at the last meeting. In an effort to increase RTAC involvement a letter was sent in to facilities in January and Dr. Peden has been calling physicians. Trauma courses offered included ATLS and TNCC; Jennie presented trauma registry data; and a pediatric trauma case review presented. The injury prevention subcommittee is being rejuvenated. Rural peer review is being planned under the auspices of the RTAC performance indicator subcommittee with a plan being developed to provide written feedback. Joe Hansen will resume as chairman of this subcommittee and to help develop this process.

**Discussion**

Public Comment

**Summary**

Those interested should meet the evening before the stakeholders meeting to settle any issues or questions.

**Discussion**

Next Meeting

**Summary**

August 14, 2006